BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FRIDAY, October 28, 1892, The board of supervisors met purmuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called; quorum present.

The minutes of yesterday s proceedings were read and approved.

A petition was read from John E. Thomson asking the board to cause to be refunded to him the sum of \$16.72, being the amount of an alleged excessive tax paid by him in the Fifth ward in the years 1889, 1890 and 1891. and on motion of Mr. Hogadone the same was referred to the committee on rejected taxes and the supervisor of the Fifth ward.

The committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills made the following report, and on motion of Mr. Lathrop the same was adopted and the accounts allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor:

Albert Betterly, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$29.75; amount allawed, \$29.75.

Frank Barber, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$18.60; amount deducted, \$7.00; amount jallowed, \$11.60. Charles Murray, justice bill, amount claimed, \$3.65; amount allowed, \$3.65. L. M. Burch, constable bill, amount claimed, \$3.20; amount allowed, \$3.20. William Leonard, deputy sheriff bill,

amount claimed, \$16.60; amount allowed, \$46,60. Elliott G. Brown, justice bill, amount ciained, \$5.35; amount allowed, \$5.35. Henry N. Pulver, deputy sheriff bill,

amount claimed, \$53.87; amount deducted, \$2.25; amount allowed, \$51.62. William Leonard, deputy sheriff bill, amount claimed, \$612.30; amount ad-

> Respectfully submitted, FRANK LADNER, C. H. SMITH, JAMES WARD, JAMES HILL, L. E. PAIGE, Committee.

ded, \$3.45; amount allowed, \$615.95.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Hogadone the same was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor: To the honorable board of supervisors

of Kent county:

Gentleman-Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of securing a stenographer for police court have had the matter under consideration, and would recommend that the chairman and clerk of this board be instructed to enter into a contract with James J. Atkinson to do all the stenographer work in the police court of the city of Grand Rapids for the ensuing year, beginning November 1. 1892, at a salary of eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100) per annum; and would ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY B. PROCTOR, M. J. ULNICH,

The following report was read: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen-Your committee on finprobable receipts and expenditures of the county for the ensuing year, recommend that the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars be raised by tax for county purposes and that the same be apportioned to the several townships and wards of the city and the amounts so apportioned be placed upon their respective rolls.

Your committee also recommend that the amounts charged to the several townships for support of poor as set forth in the following statement be placed upon the respective rolls of the townships and the amounts charged to the city for the same be apportioned to | with DeGranf, Vrieling & Co. the sum the several wards and the sums so apportioned be placed upon the rolls of the respective wards:

Solon warmen and a second	400	088
Algoma	113	80
Lowell	100	11
Nelson	65	23
Sparta	59	63
Plainfield	65	78
Wyoming	38	49
Fowne	85	11
Caledonia	19	33
Byron	43	73
Oakfield	5	78
Grand Rapids	1	44
Alpine.	35	78
Paris	28	01
City of Grand Rapids	1,513	84

Your committee also recommend that the county treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to pay the fourth series of court house bonds when the same shall become due, out of any unappropriated funds on hand.

Your committee further recommend that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for the poor fund.

The amount of state tax apportioned to Kent county, \$82,796.53, your committee recommend be apportioned to the several townships and wards and placed upon the rolls as apportioned. Respectfully submitted.

S. T. COLSON, W. F. O'LEARY,

E. C. WOODWONER, Committee.

Mr. Proctor moved that the report be allopted. Mr. Emmons moved that the report

be amended by striking out the words and figures "Wyoming, \$38.49." Car-The report as adopted was there-

upou, on motion of Mr. Proctor, adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

eral is as follows: Aumeron Guneman's Orygen, ? Lameron, Supt. 26, 1892.

Sis-You are hereby notified that a state inx has been apportioned to the several counties of the state, according to the last returns of the aggregate valuation of taxable property, therein made to this office, and as equalized and determined by the state board of equalization, at their session in August.

The amount of state tax apportioned to your county, under various acts of the legislature is as follows, to wit: University-Aid, Act No. 32,

University - General and other expenses, Act No. 25, penses, Act No. 114, 1891 ... 2,046 Normal School-Closets and sewers, Act. No. 142, 1891 Agricultural College - General and other expenses,

Act No. 171, 1891 Mining School-Current expenses, Act No. 155, 1891 School for the Blind-Current expenses, etc., Act No. 52,1891. school for the Deaf-Current

and other expenses, Act No. 53, 1891.... Reform School-Current expenses and repairs, Act No. 150, 1891 State Public School-Current expenses, repairs, etc., Act No. 34, 1891.....

Industrial Home for Girls-Current and other expenses, Act No. 100, 1891... 1,548 67 Soldiers' Home - Current and other expenses, Act No. 19, 1891..... Board of Fish Commission-State Board of Health-Act

ers-Act No. 131, 1891...... 1,216 No. 241, 1881..... Military Purposes -Act No. 171, 1879 Recompilation of Records in Adjutant General's Office-Act No. 20, 1891 Publication of Proceedings of Superintendents of the Poor-Act No. 189, 1891

World's Columbian Expoeition-Act No. 188, 1891 2,212 39 General Purposes-Act No. 192, 1891...... 31,794 25

Total state tax to be apportioned There is also to be levied, as a portion of the county taxes, as required by section 23, act 200, Laws of 1891 (unless paid prior to October 1), the indebtedness of your county to the state on the 1st day of July, 1892, then amounting to \$2,611.39. The indebtedness of the county must

not be added to the state tax. You will cause the above to be laid

before the supervisors of your county at their session in October, 1892. Please acknowledge immediately the receipt of this notice. Very respectfully,

H. R. PRATT, Deputy Auditor General.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Solomon the same was adopted and the recommendations therein contained concurred in, a maance having carefully estimated the jority of the members elect voting

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen-Your committee on court house building submit herewith their final report. At the time of the formal opening of the building, July 4th last, there were some of the contracts unfinished. Since that time the work has been completed under all the contracts and final sattlement has been had with Mr. J. Ackerman, A. Hirth & Son, DeGraaf, Vrieting & Co., Fred J. Blymier, William Reid & Son and Weatherly & Pulte. In the settlement of one hundred and twenty-five dollars still remains unpaid. On March 4th last a legal notice was served upon \$ 263 12 your committee by Mr. J. Ackerman alleging delay in the delivery of material for the work by Messrs. DeGraaf, Vrieling & Co., and a resulting damage to himself of one hundred and twentyfive dollars, and of his purpose to hold the county liable for that amount. Copies of this notice were at once sent to Messrs. DeGrasf, Vrieling & Co., and they were urged by the committee to hasten the delivery of material so as to avoid any complications liable to result from delay. In the final settlement, Mr. Ackerman baving refused to release his claim, we were advised by your prosecuting attorney that the only safe course would be to withhold the sum of one hundred and twenty-five doliars until some adjustment could be reached between Mr. Ackerman and Mesers, DeGranf, Vrieling & Co., and acting in accord with that advice the

the matter later on. August 30th last we made a final settlement with our asenitect, S. J. Os. good, Esq. Under the terms of the contract with him, if technically construed, he would have been entitled to fees in all about \$10,000. Some changes were made in the construction of the building from time to time, the added cost of which Mr. Osgood agreed to assume, In the settlement Ms. Osgood allowed the claim as submitted by the committee, and agreed to receive the sum of nine thousand dollars in full for all claims for services, including all extras, also for adewalk and platform. There has been paid to Mr. Os. good at sundry times the sum of \$6,500. leaving \$5,500 still due nim. With The statement of the auditor gap. reference to this balance your commit-

above named sum was withheld. We

submit a recommendation concerning

In this connection your committee

tee submits a recommendation later

visors of the County of Kent, Grand | with the manner in which Mr. Osgood der, Loomis, Paige, Rosenburg, Smith, has discharged his duties as architect of the building. He has shown at all times a readiness to meet the call of the committee or of our superintendent for his personal attendance to any of the details of the work requiring his attention. Mr. Osgood has performed his part of the work with skill and fidelity and to the satisfaction of your

At the same date, August 39, your committee closed its relations with Mr. Charles Woodward, our superintendent of construction. Your committee has heretofore referred to Mr. Woodward's faithful services and in this connection simply re-affirm what we have already stated, viz. that his fidelity to the county in insisting that labor and material in every case should be in exact accordance with the contracts has had much to do in securing for the county

a building first-class in all respects. There has been placed in the court house building tund, subject to the order of committee, amounts as follows: Avails of the county bonds .. \$157,725 20

July 13, 1891, funds transferred by order of board ... 20,000 00 1,017 70 January 28, 1892, funds transferred by order of board ... 40,000 00 July 18, 1892, funds transferred by order of board ... August 9, 1892, funds transferred by order of board ...

August 30, 1892, per C. Woodward, sale of earth, etc\$228,231.40 Total There has been paid on account of the building and furnishing as follows:

Paid on account of original contract..... Paid extras outside of contract..... Stone sidewalks, platforms and coping Mantels and grates Gas fixtures ... 1.725 00 Elevator and connections Vault fixtures..... Furniture Inside blinds Grading and sodding...... Varnishing and oiling floors, Incidental, cleaning build-

Total building and furnigh'g \$228,250 98 Your committee respectfully recom-

rail around light wells, etc 1,052 51

ing, water, hose, bronzed

First, that the sum of \$19.58 be transferred from the general fund to the court house building fund to balance payments from that fund, and that the court house building fund account on the treasurer's books be closed.

Second, That the sum of \$125 be held as a special fund to the credit of De-Graaf, Vrieling & Co., and that the treasurer be instructed to pay the same to DeGraaf, Vrieling & Co. whenever Mr. J. Ackerman will file a relinquishment of his claim against the county, or whenever Messrs. DeGraaf, Vrieling & Co. shall file an indemnity bond satisfactory to the treasurer, holding the county harmless from any claim by Mr. Ackerman for the cause as herein-

Third, that an order be drawn in favor of S. J. Osgood for the sum of twenty-five Hundred dollars in full settlement for all claims by him as architect of the court house building.

In conclusion, your committee desires to place upon record their grateful appreciation of the uniform courtesy extended to them by the members of the board and covering the entire period of their services. From the beginning of our work the board has generously sustained the committee

measures necessary to make the work a success, and at all stages of the work your committee has felt safe in following out the judgment of the board, and the result proves the wisdom of their action and has obtained for the people of Kent county a building, for the uses for which it is erected, second to none in

Respectfully submitted. R. B. LOOMIS, J. W. WALKER, W. D. FROST, JAMES HILL, J. T. GOULD.

Court House Building Committee.

The special order being reached, viz. The consideration of the tabulated statement of moneys to be raised in townships, Mr. Emmons moved that the twenty-four township supervisors meet immediately after adjournment today to examine said statement.

Mr. Benjamin moved as a substitute that the twenty-four township supervisors meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon to examine said statement.

Mr. Gill moved that the report of the committee on public buildings relative to improvements on the county jail be taken from the table. Carried.

Mr. Horsdone moved that the report be adopted and that the committee on public buildings be authorized to advertise for plans for the reconstructing of the county jail and report at the January session. Carried.

Mr. Cogshall moved to rescind the action of the board taken vesterday on the report of the committee on finance relative to making three-fourths payment monthly to deputy sheriffs and court messengers.

Lost by the following vote, the year and nays being called for: Yeas-Mosers, Cogshall, Colson, Gill,

Gould, Jones, Lee, Leppink, O'Leary, Games Proctor, Schermerhorn, Smits, Solomon, Ulrich, Walker, Ward, Warner, E. C. Woodworth, W. F. Woodworth

Nays Messre. Benjamin, Braman, Emmons, Fechsenfeld, Frost, Hill. Hodges, Hugadone, Holben, Hyde, To the Clerk of the Board of Super- takes occasion to express satisfaction Kinney, Lattice, Lattice, Lindennil , Wyoming

Watkins, the Chairman-20.

Absent-Mr. Skeele. On motion of Mr. Lathrop, the several tax rolls were referred back to their respective townships and wards. On motion of Mr. Benjamin, the board took a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The board being again called to order by the chairman, the roll was called and a quorum was found pres-

On the petition of Walter H. Mc-

Brien is endorsed the following re-In accordance with the above petiion, your committee hereby recommends that the supervisor for the own of Wyoming spread the sum of 2.98 upon the tax roll of said town-

ship and when collected the town

treasurer pay the same to the petition-

er, Walter H. McBrien. Respectfully submitted, N. D. EMMONS. Supervisor of Wyoming; H. O. SCHERMERHORN, JOSEPH HOLBEN,

FREEMAN LATHROP. Committee on Rejected Taxes. On motion of Mr. Benjamin, the report was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Proctor the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

GENTLEMEN-In the matter of the petition of John E. Thompson for the refunding of a certain portion of the tax on certain property in the fifth ward for the years 1889, 1890 and 1891, we would say that it appears to your committee to have been simply a difference in judgment between the supervisor who assessed for those years and the board of review, who finally lowered the valuation. There appears to have been no mistake or misapprehension on the part of the supervisor, and the petitioner paid said tax without protest during those years. His remedy, if grieved, was clearly before the board of review. We certainly consider it outside of the province of the committee on rejected taxes. The committee recommends its rejection.

Respectfully submitted, H. O. SCHERHERHORN, JOSEPH HOLBEN. FREEMAN LATHROP,

Committee on Rejected Taxes. The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Lathrop the same

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County.

Gentlemen, Your committee to whom was referred the communication of the deputy game warden of this county, have had the same under consideration and here with report that in our opinion tile total amount of money to be paid by the county to said game wardens should not exceed one hundred dollars r year for service ormed, and not to exceed fifty days services per year for all deputies so acting. The number of deputies to be discretionary with the state game

Respectfully submitted, Moses Rosenburg. E. H. JONES,

L. E. PAIGE.

L. C. WARNER, JOHN FEHSENFELD. Committe on roads and bridges. On motion of Mr. Schermerhorn the clerk was instructed to spread upon the tax rolls of the following townships and wards, the following amount for soldiers' relief fund, a majority of the members elect voting

Lowell, \$84.80; Algoma, \$28.95; first ward, \$177.50; fourth ward, \$50; fifth ward, \$50; sixth ward, \$87.90; seventh ward, \$50; eighth ward, \$89.75; ninth ward, \$102.25; tenth ward, \$125; eleventh ward, \$98.30; twelfth ward, \$71.78.

The supervisors of the twenty-four townships of the county made the following report, and on motion of Mr. E. C. Woodworth the same was adopted. a majority of the members elect voting therefor:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent county:

Gentlemen-Your committee, consisting of the twenty-four supervisors of the towns of the county, to whom was referred the report of the finance committee containing the amount of money to be raised in the reveral townships, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and report the annexed statement as the amount of monies to be raised in the several townships, and recommend that the clerk be directed to place the several amounts upon the proper rolls.

Respectfully submitted. LEWIS A. SOLOMON, Chairman. CONNOR H. SMITH.

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Secretary.

TOWNSHIPS

the members elect voting therefor, the clerk was instructed to draw an order for S. J. Oegood for \$500 to apply on secount. Mr. Cogeball moved that the com-

mittee on equalization be requested to furnish the clerk with the apportionment of state and county taxes and make their report tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Jones the board ad-

CORNELIUS L. HARVEY,

Carried.

journed until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in he forenoon. A. W. WEEKES,

HOTTEST SPOT ON EARTH. Bahrin in Persis Said to Possess That

Unenviable Distinction The hottest region on the earth's surface is on the southwestern coast of Persia, on the border of the Persian gulf. For forty consecutive days in the months of July and August the mercury has been known to stand above one hundred degrees in the shade night and day, and to run up as high as one hundred and thirty degrees in the middle of the afternoon

At Bahrin, in the center of the most torrid part of this most torrid belt, as though it was nature's intention to make the place as unbearable as possible, water from wells is something un-

Great shafts have been sunk to a depth of one hundred, two hundred, three hundred, and even five hundred feet, but always with the same result— no water. This serious drawback notwithstanding, a comparatively numerous population contrives to live there, thanks to copious springs which burst forth from the bottom of the gulf more than a mile from the shore. The water from these springs is obtained in a most curious and novel manner.

"Machadores," whose sole occupation is that of furnishing the people of Bah-rin with the life-giving fluid, repair to that portion of the gulf where the springs are situated and bring away with them hundreds of skin bage full of water each day. The water of the gulf where the spring bursts forth is nearly two hundred feet deep, but these "machadores" (divers) manage to fill their goatskin sacks by diving to the bottom and holding the mouths of the bags over the fountain jets; this, too, without allowing the salt water of the gulf to mix with it.

The source of these submarine fountains is thought to be in the hills of Osmand, four or five hundred miles away. Being situated at the bottom of the gulf it is a mystery how they were ever discovered, but the fact remains that they have been known since the dawn

PAGAN TEMPLES IN 'FRISCO. Story of the Goddess Now Worshiped in

The oldest josshouse in San Francisco is the Temple of the Queen of Heaven on Waverly street. It was erected over forty years ago, and, according to the Californian, is the property of the Sam Yap company. The goddess worshiped at this temple was a Chinese young lady who lived hundreds of years ago. She was born in the province of Fokien and was the daughter of a merchant of said to have displayed remarkable intelligence, and was above all renowned for her prophetic insight. Her father and four brothers frequently left their home on trading voyages up and down the coast. One day while two of her brothers were at sea she fell into a trance. Her parents thought her dead, and their lamentations were so loud as to awaken her. She told how she had just been in the midst of a violent typhoon and had seen her brothers tossing about on the wild waves.

A few days clapsed and the youngest son returned home, reporting the loss of his brother at sea and telling how in the height of the storm a lady appeared in mid-heaven who let down a rope and towed the ship to a safe anchorage. He was just relating the sad news of his brother's death when his sister came into the room and congratulated him on his escape. She recounted with exactness the events of that fearful night and told how she was just hastening to her brother's rescue when she was awakened by her parents' cries. Years passed and another calamity befell the family. This time the father was drowned at sea. The legend tells how the devoted daughter, on hearing the news, hastened to the seashore. She called in vain for her father's return. Louder and louder came her wails of sorrow, until, frantic with grief, she threw herself into the waves and was drowned.

Composition of Gems.

It is a singular fact that the most precious gems are composed of the most common substances. The diamond is the purest form of carbon and is identical in composition with ordinary charcoal without the impurities of the latter. The ruby, on the other hand, is nearly pure alumina, a substance found in profusion in every clay bank. The scientific name for crystallized alumina is corundum, and the gems comprehended under this designation are some times more valuable than diamonds of the same weight. The ruby, the sapphire, the oriental emerald, the oriental topaz, the oriental amethyst, the oriental agua marine, the oriental chrysolite, the hyacinth and other precious stones are all alumina, the varieties of color being caused by inappreciable quantities of metallic oxides.

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